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Kalāheo man drowns while fishing in Po'ipū

PO'IPŪ — A 36-year-old Kalāheo man, Bricen "Micah" Bermoy, was found unresponsive on Sunday in waters near Po'ipū Beach.

According to a preliminary report, Bermoy was observed to be fishing in the area of Makahū'ena Point. A nearby fisherman witnessed Bermoy enter the water, but after losing sight of him around 2:20 p.m., the witness called 911.

Ocean Safety Bureau lifeguards were first to respond and launched a roving ski to conduct a thorough search of the area.

Po'ipū Firefighters and Rescue 3 personnel aboard Air 1, as well as U.S. Coast Guard officials, were also dispatched to assist with the search for the missing diver.

Within a few minutes of being on-scene, Air 1 personnel located the diver approximately 15 feet offshore. OSB lifeguards on the roving ski brought Bermoy to shore at Po'ipū Beach where high performance CPR was administered. Firefighters and AMR medics also proceeded with advanced resuscitation efforts. The man, however, could not be revived.

Bermoy was transported to Wilcox Hospital where he was pronounced dead. No signs of foul play were reported and an autopsy is scheduled to determine the exact cause of death.

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